

## CSN Fund Advisory Committee Announcement

The Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs is happy to announce the Children with Special Needs (CSN) Fund is looking for parents to join its Advisory Committee.

### About the CSN Fund

The Children with Special Needs Fund (CSN Fund) provides family-centered support for children in Michigan with special health care needs by assisting with the purchase of equipment not available through any other funding source. The Fund focuses on equipment that enhances quality of life, promote optimal health and development, and improve the mobility of the child. Since its inception in 1944, the CSN Fund has worked closely with Children with Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) to provide equipment for thousands of families.

### What is the function of the CSN Fund Advisory Committee?

You will be joining a dynamic group of individuals in a family/professional partnership to:

- Provide and review recommendations for the CSN Fund's policy and guidelines for approving requests.
- Provide and review recommendations for the CSN Fund's annual budget allocation.
- Provide and review recommendations regarding grant requests and other initiatives submitted to the CSN Fund.
- Provide and review implementation plans for marketing strategies for the CSN Fund.
- Provide support in meeting the mission of the CSN Fund by reviewing and proposing recommendations for expanding the role of the CSN Fund in providing support for families that have special health care needs.

### Benefits of joining the committee:

- Opportunity to provide the CSN Fund with family-centered input on equipment needs.
- Participate in decision-making regarding services and supports for children and youth with special health care needs.
- Build knowledge and skills regarding community resources for children and youth with special health care needs.

Who are we looking for?

- Parents that have experience caring for a child with special health care needs who is currently using or has used adaptive or mobility equipment such as wheelchair ramps, therapeutic tricycles, lifts and other equipment that improve mobility and quality of life.
- Parents who are available to attend quarterly meetings in Lansing. (Teleconference can be accommodated. Mileage, child care and other additional expenditure directly related to the participation in the meeting may be reimbursed as approved.)

If you have questions regarding this announcement or you are interested in joining the CSN Fund Advisory Committee, please call Amanda Larraga at (517) 373-2239 or email: [LarragaA@michigan.gov](mailto:LarragaA@michigan.gov) by 03/27/2015 and ask for a CSN Fund Advisory Committee member application to be mailed to you. Find out more about the CSN Fund at

[www.michigan.gov/csnfund](http://www.michigan.gov/csnfund).